

DO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES HAVE TO **OBEY** 8 MEN IN NEW YORK

SPOILER ALERT: YES.

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«The rich blessing that has been poured out upon the visible organization is evidence that **the governing body** and those who represent it are **deserving of our full support and trust.**»

w57 5/1 pp. 279-285 - The Watchtower—1957

«We must always remember that **we learn the truth from** Jehovah's channel of communication, **the "faithful and discreet slave" class.**»

w58 2/1 pp. 77-79 - The Watchtower—1958

«**By submitting to the slave class,** God's people **also show their subjection to the Master, Jesus Christ.**»

w02 10/1 pp. 17-22 - The Watchtower—2002

«Let us be determined to show our appreciation **by giving our loyal support** to the anointed brothers who make up that faithful and discreet slave.»

w13 7/15 pp. 20-25 - The Watchtower—2013

«Surely Jehovah **and his organization** under Christ Jesus are **worthy of our unstinted devotion and service.**»

w57 9/15 pp. 549-551 - The Watchtower—1957

«Jehovah is the Great Sovereign of the universe and, more strictly than any human government, **requires loyalty to his organization** on the part of his servants.»

w53 10/15 p. 640 - The Watchtower—1953

«Just as Noah and his God-fearing family were preserved in the ark, **survival** of individuals today **depends on** their faith and **their loyal association** with the earthly part of Jehovah's universal organization.»

w06 5/15 pp. 21-25 - The Watchtower—2006

«**To hold to the headship of Christ**, it is therefore necessary to **obey the organization** that he is personally directing.»

w59 5/1 pp. 268-274 - The Watchtower—1959

«We show that we **trust in Jehovah's way** of doing things by **heeding the direction** we receive **from the organization and the elders.**»

es23 pp. 57-67 - Examining the Scriptures—2023

«We **can enter into Jehovah's rest** if we obey him and **work with his organization.**»

ws11 7/15 pp. 17-21 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2011

«**Obedience** Is Better Than a Sacrifice. **ASK YOURSELF, 'Do I obey instructions from Jehovah's organization promptly and completely?'**»

mwb22 March p. 3 - Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook—2022

«We should likewise listen to **any instructions** we receive from Jehovah's **organization** and **obey promptly** and **wholeheartedly.**»

mwb20 November p. 2 - Life and Ministry Meeting Workbook—2020

«Of course, **to serve and praise the Universal Sovereign**, one must **associate with the organization** of Jehovah's Christian witnesses.»

w73 7/1 pp. 401-407 - The Watchtower—1973

«We can have strong faith that Jehovah, through his Son, is directing **the governing body**. And **we need to remain loyal to these faithful brothers** - and to Jehovah's **organization**, despite attempts by opposers to discredit them.»

Video: Leonard Myers: Imitate Women of Strong Faith!—The Phoenician Woman

«The other sheep should never forget that **their salvation depends on their active support** of Christ's **anointed "brothers"** still on earth.»

w12 3/15 pp. 20-24 - The Watchtower—2012

«Today Jehovah provides **direction to the [faithful and discreet]** slave through Jesus. Jesus in turn provides direction for his people through the faithful and discreet slave. **We can have therefore full confidence in the scriptural insight, understanding and guidance.** (...) So whom do you **trust**? You **fully trust** in Jehovah, Jesus, **and the faithful slave.**»

Video: Gerrit Lösch, member of the Governing Body in a JW Broadcasting episode.

«We **gladly accept** the spiritual food made available by Jehovah **through "the faithful and discreet slave."** Such **uniform** teaching assists us to maintain our unity worldwide.»

w96 7/15 pp. 15-20 - The Watchtower—1996

«We should **follow the instructions** that the Head of the Christian congregation, Jesus Christ, gives **through "the faithful and discreet slave,"** the appointed channel of God's **organization** here on earth.»

w90 10/1 pp. 30-31 - The Watchtower—1990

«(...) **come to Jehovah's organization for salvation** (...)»

w81 11/15 pp. 16-21 -

«**Those desiring salvation must make for God's organization, and find entrance into it and remain there permanently.**»

w52 10/1 pp. 596-604 - The Watchtower—1952

«The flood was a real physical catastrophe to the old ungodly world. The Battle of Armageddon will be likewise a physical catastrophe to this present evil world, and not something just

spiritual. **The ark of salvation that we enter is not a literal ark but is God's organization; (...)**»

w50 6/1 pp. 175-176 -

«**Only Jehovah's Witnesses**, those of the anointed remnant and the "great crowd," as a united organization under the protection of the Supreme Organizer, **have any Scriptural hope of surviving the impending end of this doomed system** dominated by Satan the Devil.»

w89 9/1 pp. 18-22 - The Watchtower—1989

«They must appreciate that **identifying themselves with Jehovah's organization is essential to their salvation.**»

km 11/90 pp. 1-2 - Kingdom Ministry—1990

«We need his spirit and we need his Word, **but we also need the benefits of his organization if we are successfully to gain life in his new order.**»

w67 9/15 pp. 559-566 - The Watchtower—1967

«**We will be saved only** if we **obey** instructions from God's Word **and organization**»

ws12 4/15 pp. 21-26 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2012

«It is vital that we appreciate this fact and **respond to the directions of the "slave" as we would to the voice of God**, because it is His provision.»

w57 6/15 pp. 369-375 - The Watchtower—1957

«**We need to obey the faithful and discreet slave to have Jehovah's approval.**»

ws11 7/15 pp. 22-27 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2011

«But we are **acting against Jehovah’s purpose** if we **do not obey the faithful and discreet slave** or if we **choose to obey only what we think is important.**»

ws11 7/15 pp. 17-21 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2011

«**But if we were to draw away from Jehovah’s organization, there would be no place else to go for salvation and true joy.**»

w93 9/15 pp. 20-23

«At that time, the life-saving direction that we receive **from Jehovah’s organization** may not appear practical from a human standpoint. All of us **must** be ready to **obey any instructions we may receive**, whether these appear sound from a strategic or human standpoint or not.»

w13 11/15 pp. 16-20 - The Watchtower—2013

«At that time, the direction that you receive **from Jehovah’s organization** may seem strange or unusual. But all of us **must** be ready to **obey any instructions we may receive**, whether we agree with them or not, because **obeying these instructions will save our lives.**»

ws13 11/15 pp. 15-20 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2013

«**Since Jehovah God and Jesus Christ completely trust the faithful and discreet slave, should we not do the same?**»

w09 2/15 pp. 24-28 - The Watchtower—2009

«**Therefore, when we loyally submit to the direction of the faithful slave and its Governing Body, we are submitting to Christ, the slave’s Master.**»

w07 4/1 pp. 21-25 - The Watchtower—2007

«The plain truth is that **we cannot say that we trust in Jehovah if we do not trust in his earthly representatives** — those whom

Jehovah trusts. Today Jehovah leads the earthly part of his **organization** by means of "**the faithful and discreet slave.**"»

w22 February pp. 2-7 - The Watchtower (Study)—2022

«However, **we cannot be loyal to God without being loyal to his visible earthly organization, the “faithful and discreet slave,”** and the local Christian congregation which represents that “slave.”»

w65 7/1 p. 412 - The Watchtower—1965

«The anointed and their other sheep companions recognize that **by following the lead of the modern-day Governing Body, they are in fact following their Leader, Christ.**»

w10 9/15 pp. 21-25 - The Watchtower—2010

«By directing interested people to our official websites, we are connecting them with **the one true source of spiritual food, “the faithful and discreet slave.”**»

w18 April pp. 30-31 - The Watchtower (Study)—2018

«Those who recognize Jehovah’s visible theocratic **organization**, therefore, must recognize and accept this appointment of the “faithful and discreet slave” and **be submissive to it.**»

w67 10/1 pp. 585-591 - The Watchtower—1967

«Therefore, in **submitting to** Jehovah’s visible theocratic **organization**, we must be in **full and complete agreement with every feature of its apostolic procedure and requirements.**»

w67 10/1 pp. 591-597 - The Watchtower—1967

«If we have faith in the Kingdom, if we are lovingly loyal to God’s anointed King, **we shall be glad to obey** his **instructions** and arrangements **through** his visible theocratic **organization.**»

w53 8/15 pp. 492-504 - The Watchtower—1953

«**All who want to understand the Bible** should appreciate that the “greatly diversified wisdom of God” can **become known only** through Jehovah’s channel of communication, **the faithful and discreet slave.**»

w94 10/1 pp. 4-8 - The Watchtower—1994

«**So when we follow the direction of the Governing Body, we follow our Leader, Jesus.**»

ws17 February pp. 20-26 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2017

«Rather, he [a mature christian] **has complete confidence** in the truth **as it is revealed** by Jehovah God through his Son, Jesus Christ, **and “the faithful and discreet slave.”**»

w01 8/1 pp. 12-17 - The Watchtower—2001

«**You must be part of Jehovah’s organization, doing God’s will, in order to receive his blessing of everlasting life.**»

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth chap. 30 pp. 254-255

«**Some may feel that they can interpret the Bible on their own. However, Jesus has appointed the ‘faithful slave’ to be the only channel for dispensing spiritual food. Since 1919, the glorified Jesus Christ has been using that slave to help his followers understand God’s own Book and heed its directives. (...) Each one of us does well to ask himself, ‘Am I loyal to the channel that Jesus is using today?’**»

w16 November p. 16

«When you **support** such changes **and loyally stick to** Jehovah **and the organization** that he is using, **you will surely be blessed.**»

w22 November pp. 20-25 - The Watchtower (Study)—2022

«How, then, can we be friends of Christ? One way is to **obey the direction provided by the faithful and discreet slave class**, which consists of Jesus' spirit-anointed brothers still alive on earth.»

w09 10/15 pp. 13-17 - The Watchtower—2009

«**Unless we are in touch with this channel of communication that God is using, we will not progress along the road to life, no matter how much Bible reading we do.**»

w81 12/1 pp. 26-31 - The Watchtower—1981

«We **cannot hope to acquire a good relationship with Jehovah if we ignore those** whom Jesus has **appointed** to care for his belongings. **Without the assistance of “the faithful and discreet slave,” we would neither understand the full import of what we read in God's Word nor know how to apply it.**»

w10 9/15 p. 8-9 - The Watchtower

«**By all means, then, let us listen to the Christ and his trustworthy spirit-anointed brothers.**»

w09 2/15 pp. 24-28 - The Watchtower—2009

«If we are to walk in the light of truth we must recognize **not only Jehovah God as our Father but his organization as our mother.**»

w57 5/1 pp. 273-279 - The Watchtower—1957

«As a young Jonadab, I said to myself, ‘Len, if you want to be viewed by Christ as a sheep, **you've got to support his anointed brothers, accepting their leadership because God is with them.**’»

w12 4/15 pp. 18-21 - The Watchtower—2012

«**He [Jesus] emphasizes that they would have to be loyal and give full support to Jesus' anointed brothers on earth.**»

w15 3/15 pp. 19-24 - The Watchtower—2015

«The **righteous** ones” who receive **everlasting life** are those who **loyally support Christ’s spirit-anointed “brothers.”**»

w09 8/15 pp. 7-11 - The Watchtower—2009

«**Even as Bible prophecy pointed forward to the Messiah, it also directs us to the close-knit body of anointed Christian Witnesses that now serve as the faithful and discreet slave.**»

w94 10/1 p. 8

«The fact is, though, that we **must** find time to study—**really study**—God’s Word and **our Christian publications**. Our relationship with Jehovah and **our everlasting life depend on it!**»

w19 May p. 26-27

«If we are to **have Jehovah’s favor and blessing** as individuals, we **must support his organization** and **accept adjustments** in our **understanding** of the Scriptures.»

w14 5/15 pp. 26-30 - The Watchtower—2014

«The **only** way to have **Jehovah’s favor** is **always** to **follow** the **direction of his organization.**»

w14 5/15 pp. 26-30 - The Watchtower—2014

«We have the opportunity to show love for our brothers who take the lead in the congregation or in connection with Jehovah’s visible organization worldwide. This includes **being loyal to “the faithful and discreet slave.”** Let us **face the fact** that **no matter how much Bible reading we have done, we would never have learned the truth on our own.**»

w90 12/1 pp. 15-20 - The Watchtower—1990

«Thus the **Bible is an organizational book** and **belongs** to the Christian congregation as an **organization, not to individuals, regardless** of how sincerely they **may believe that they can**

interpret the Bible. For this reason **the Bible cannot be properly understood without Jehovah's visible organization** in mind.»

w67 10/1 pp. 585-591 - The Watchtower—1967

«Notice that those congregations **prospered as a result** of their **loyal cooperation with the governing body** in Jerusalem.»

w13 7/15 pp. 15-19 - The Watchtower—2013

«Each of us, then, does well to ask himself, **'Am I obedient and submissive to those taking the lead over me?'**»

Keep Yourselves in God's Love chap. 4 pp. 36-49

Why would the **Almighty God completely trust 8 imperfect men** in New York when they are **not inspired and can make mistakes** both when **explaining the Bible and directing the organization?**

«The Governing Body is **neither inspired nor perfect.** It **can make mistakes** when **explaining the Bible or directing the organization.**»

ws17 February pp. 20-26 - The Watchtower (Simplified)—2017

«Yes, **imperfect men** are being used to help us, from the governing body to the elders in our congregations, but these have the heavy responsibility to teach strictly in accord with the Word of God.»

w75 8/15 pp. 505-511 - The Watchtower—1975

Should we not listen to **their own advice** - published in their own magazine?

«**You may wisely decide against putting your trust in imperfect men and their fallible predictions and promises.**»

w66 3/15 pp. 164-168 - The Watchtower—1966

Glossary:

w = The Watchtower

ws = The Watchtower Simplified Edition

(Study) = The Watchtower Study Edition

The faithful and discreet slave = the self-appointed leaders of the Jehovah's Witness religion, currently 8 men stationed in New York.

The slave class = The same group of self-appointed leaders.

The governing body = Yes, still the same group of men.

Anointed elders/brothers/remnant = A group of 144.000, but today it is usually just describing the same 8 men as above.

The other sheep = 8,5 million people, the regular members of the JW religion. These are the ones that have to submit, obey and follow their 8 self-appointed leaders in New York.

The great crowd = Just another name for the same group of people, 8,5 million of regular JW members.

Organization = The organization Watch Tower Bible and Tract society founded in the late 1800s by the businessman Charles Taze Russell. If you ask a JW if it is true that «God has always used an organization» (w83 2/15 p. 12-13) he will say yes, of course! Then try asking him who or what this organization was in the late

1700s for example. Or in the 1500s. Or any time in history, before Russell entered the scene. He will have huge, huge problems providing even the slightest piece of evidence for the claim made by the organization. Pun intended. If «God has always used an organization» at least they should be able to provide evidence for their claim. There was no such thing as «God's organization» before Russell invented it in the late 1800s. Russell was not even the first president of this organization, but that is another story for another time.

Notice: The organization love to use the term «great crowd of other sheep» by mixing various Bible verses together. This is not a Biblical term. If you search «great crowd of other sheep» (exact phrase) on JW.org you will get almost 300 results. If you search this in the Bible: zero.

Notice: The governing body is not a Biblical term. If you search the term «governing body» in your Bible, you will not find it.